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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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FOR EA ONLY, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM FLECK

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION

REFS: A. MANILA 3283, B. STATE 48838, C. STATE 32203,
D. MANILA 3128, E. STATE 46344

1. REGRET EMBASSY EMBARRASSMENT AS RESULT OF NON-RECEIPT
EARLIER OF INFORMATION CONTAINED REF B. ANOTHER BUREAU
HAS ACTION RESPONSIBILITY ON THIS SUBJECT BUT EA/PHL
SHOULD HAVE MADE SURE THAT EARLIER MEETING WAS REPORTED TO
EMBASSY. CAN ONLY PLEAD EXTREME PREOCCUPATION WITH PRM 14,
CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS, AND GREAT CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST
IN WIDEMAN CASE DURING PERIOD WHEN WE WERE SHORTHANDED
BECAUSE OF PROLONGED ABSENCE OF ECONOMIC OFFICER VISITING
PHILIPPINES.

2. YOU WERE ADVISED OF PAL FILING AS SOON AS EA/HL
BECAME AWARE OF IT.

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3. YOU WERE INFORMED OF IMPENDING ROMUALDEZ RETURN TO
MANILA IN REF C, PARA 9.

4. WHEN TRANSITION PAPERS WERE DRAFTED, WE SOUGHT
AUTHORITY TO SEND THEM TO YOU BUT RECEIVED STRICT

INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO DO SO. THEY HAVE NOW BEEN SUPER-

SEDED BY PRM EXERCISE.

5. WITH REGARD TO PRM 14, AS YOU KNOW THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS PREPARATION LIES WITH DOD. WE CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE, THEREFORE, THAT COPIES WERE PROVIDED TO EMBASSY BY DOD. DEADLINES FOR PREPARATION OF SUCCESSIVE DRAFTS HAVE BEEN SO SHORT AS TO PRECLUDE SUBMISSION OF DRAFTS TO EMBASSY FOR COMMENT. HOWEVER, YOUR COMMENTS IN REF D REGARDING BASE NEGOTIATIONS AND MILITARY PRESENCE WERE QUITE HELPFUL.

6. EMBARRASSMENT OVER FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE DOES NOT EXIST SOLELY IN MANILA. I DO NOT THINK, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IT SHOULD HAVE REQUIRED A REQUEST TO THE EMBASSY (REF E) TO OBTAIN AN ANALYSIS OF THE MARCOS STATEMENT REGARDING SUSPENSION OF MARTIAL LAW IN SOUTHERN PROVINCES.

7. WE HAVE SAME PROBLEM REGARDING WIDEMAN CASE, IN WHICH CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST HAS BEEN UNPRECEDENTED. AFTER REPORTING THAT AT UPCOMING FEBRUARY 25 HEARING, BENEDICTO WOULD ACCUSE WIDEMAN OF LIBEL, EMBASSY INDICATED IT WOULD REPORT SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS BUT SUBMITTED NO REPORT ON FEBRUARY 25 HEARING. FACT THAT BENEDICTO DID NOT PRESS CHARGES THEN APPEARS TO US JUST AS SIGNIFICANT AS IF HE HAD. REPORT FROM EMBASSY WOULD HAVE ENABLED US TO HANDLE NUMEROUS CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES IN MUCH MORE TIMELY FASHION.

8. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE ARE GOING THROUGH
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UNUSUALLY HECTIC PERIOD HERE, PARTICULARLY WHILE PRM EXERCISE IS GOING ON. NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. AND HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT EMBASSY WILL DO LIKEWISE.

9. PLEASE NOTE FOR EA ONLY CAPTION.

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